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A NEW CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN ICELAND AND THE USSR DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON TO MOSCOW. THERE FOLLOWS OUR TRANSLATION OF AN OUTLINE OF THE PLAN AS RELEASED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

BEGIN QUOTE

1. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, AND TO WORK AT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

2. EVERY SCHOLASTIC YEAR, ONE SECONDARY STUDENT OR UNDERGRADUATE  
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WILL BE GIVEN A SCHOLARSHIP BY THE OTHER COUNTRY.

3. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ONE OR TWO FROM EACH COUNTRY.

4. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN AND ICELANDIC AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, IF THIS IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

5. INCREASED RELATIONS BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.S.R. AND ICELAND WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

6. THE SOVIET UNION WILL AWARD TWO SCHOLARSHIPS PER YEAR TO STUDENTS OF RUSSIAN TO TAKE PART IN SUMMER COURSES IN THE U.S.S.R.

7. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF FILMS USED IN TEACHING, SLIDES, TEXTBOOKS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND OTHER TEACHING AIDS, AS DEEMED FEASIBLE. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL STUDY ICELANDIC AND SOVIET TEXT BOOKS ABOUT THE COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MOST RELIABLE INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND CULTURE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ARCTIC EXPLORATION, METEOROLOGY, GEO-PHYSICS AND FISHERIES.

9. THERE WILL BE VISITS OF ARTISTS ARRANGED THROUGH BOOKING OFFICES AND THE ARTISTS' AGENTS.

10. THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS BY ICELANDIC WRITERS IN THE U.S.S.R. AND OF BOOKS BY SOVIET WRITERS IN ICELAND WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

11. PERFORMANCES OF MUSICAL WORKS BY COMPOSERS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

12. AN EXCHANGE OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS, LISTS OF BOOKS AND OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE CONTINUED BETWEEN LIBRARIES IN THE U.S.S.R. AND IN ICELAND.

13. THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF ART EXHIBITS AND OTHER EXHIBITS.

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14. THE POSSIBILITY OF SHOWING SOVIET FILMS DURING A SOVIET FILM WEEK OR OF PREMIERING A SOVIET FILM IN ICELAND, AND OF ICELANDIC FILMS IN THE U.S.S.R. WILL BE EXPLORED.

15. THE EXCHANGE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION MATERIAL WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

16. CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN VARIOUS PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS

INDEPENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ENCOURAGED; THIS WILL INCLUDE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES, WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURE AND THE WAY OF LIFE OF BOTH COUNTRIES THUS PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

17. THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING RECIPROCAL VISITS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS DOMAINS OF ART AND OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE EXPLORED WITH THE AIM OF STRENGTHENING RELATIONS AND MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CULTURE OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

18. IN THE YEARS 1975-1976 THERE WILL BE AN EXCHANGE OF COMMITTEES OF AUTHORS AND COMPOSERS AS FOLLOWS: TWO AUTHORS FROM EACH COUNTRY FOR A 12-DAY VISIT, ONE COMPOSER FROM EACH COUNTRY FOR A 14-DAY VISIT.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT WORKS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE AND ART BY SOVIET AND ICELANDIC WRITERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

20. THERE WILL BE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO ESTABLISHING LINKS BETWEEN SOVIET AND ICELANDIC CITIES.

21. CONTINUING EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF SPORT WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

22. THE COUNTRIES CONSIDER RECIPROCAL VISITS USEFUL TO THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS OF SOVIET-ICELANDIC RELATIONS.  
END QUOTE.  
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